



# The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 2 December 2016 Term 4 Week 8

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from K-2W

# Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Yesterday's Thank you Morning Tea for all our helpers, volunteers and friends of Vauclose PS was a wonderful success. The staff pulled out all stops and provided a beautiful selection of home cooked goodies for our very special guests. It is a wonderful opportunity to thank all of those people who give so much to our school and help make it the great place it is. Our neighbours always attend. Some of them came to the school as students and all of them just love being a part of our school. We are most fortunate to have these wonderful people. They keep the garden and the chooks alive during the holidays and generally keep an eye on the place when we are not around. Most importantly they love our school.

This week we heard all our Year 5 Leadership Nominees deliver their speeches. You may have seen their election posters around the school. All students spoke beautifully and articulated a strong understanding of what makes a good leader. This morning we voted for our seven School Leaders for 2017. Each nominee presented very strongly and we are looking forward to a wonderful group of 2017 Year 6 students. We think they will all be excellent role models for our younger students. The 2017 School Leaders will be announced next Friday at a School Assembly. The elected leaders will receive their badges on Presentation day.

In the next two weeks we have a number of school activities happening during the school day. The staff made a decision to have these events during school time to ensure that all students are able to participate. Historically our day time events are well supported. The staff thought long and hard about this decision. We too are working parents and understand well the demands that this brings. We also understand the anguish when you are not able to attend functions at school. Our decision was based on the fact that we want all students to participate in our end of year activities not just those whose parents can bring them to school in the evening.

Several weeks ago we held our Annual General Meeting for the P&C. We have been able to fill all the offices except for that of President. If you are interested in this role or you and a friend are interested in sharing the role please see me. The role is not as daunting as it sounds. The P&C at Vauclose PS are a very active and supportive bunch who collaborate and work very well as a team. The President or Presidents have a great bunch of people to delegate to.

We have a number of absconders in the school which is why we have the Fort Knox gate system. The gates with the automatic locks give us great peace of mind. The gate to the Cambridge Street entrance is often wedged open in the morning and the afternoon. We are requesting that parents do not do this as it compromises the safety system. We are aware that children cannot open the gate. Staff keep an eye on this. Sometimes our students may have to wait for an adult to come along and open the gate. If the gate is kept shut we have a safe environment. If the gate is wedged open then it is very easy for someone to leave the school grounds. With Christison Park at the top of the road and Parsley Bay and Gibsons Beach at the bottom of the road it is the stuff that nightmares are made of. We would really appreciate your assistance in keeping the gate shut.

Finally, last Friday night I had the great privilege to go and see our students from the Support Unit perform in 2016 School Spectacular. It was an incredibly proud night. School Spectacular is being televised on Saturday night on Channel 7 at 7pm. It is worth watching to see what an amazing organisation the NSW Department of Education is. What makes our system so successful is the dedication of the teachers who work in it and this is very obvious when watching the performances. We have two of our very own dedicated teachers who drove our students out to Busby West and back again every Wednesday of this term. Kaylie Johnson and Jessica Timbs were out at Homebush at ANZ Stadium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Their days did not finish until 7.30 pm. On Friday and Saturday nights they finished at 1.00 am. The teachers in their exhaustion said it was especially worth the effort. School Spectacular is a unique experience. We really appreciate their efforts and thank them for their generosity and dedication. We hope they will do it again in 2017 if we are successful at audition.

We are on the final countdown now. We urge everyone to take it easy and look after each other. Lots of early nights in preparation for the holiday season are required. (I should follow my own advice !!!!)

*Maureen Hallahan*



Multi-Cultural food celebrations.





Vaucluse Public School  
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*You're invited to our  
Celebrations Concert  
On  
7 December 2016*

*Commencing at 9.30 am*

*In the middle playground*

*Dear Parents*

*In Term 4 2016 all classes at Vaucluse Public School have been implementing units of work on the way we celebrate around the world. As a culminating activity we will hold a Celebrations Concert where all classes will be performing and celebrating. Please come and share the excitement.*

*The concert will take place at 9.30 am in the middle playground on 7 December 2016. We look forward to seeing you there.*

*Staff and Students of Vaucluse Public School*





Dear Parents

## Presentation Day 2016

Presentation Day 2016 will be held at 1.00 pm on **Monday 12 December, 2016** in the hall at **Rose Bay Secondary College**. Children will be transported to the school by bus, leaving VPS at 12.30pm. We will have an early lunch at 12 noon with the canteen open. Please send lunch and recess in a disposable bag so that children do not take anything with them to the high school. All students are to wear full summer school uniform.

Children, who are normally picked up in the afternoon at VPS, should be collected from **Rose Bay Secondary College**, Hardy Street, Dover Heights from 2.35 pm. Please be mindful of parking restrictions around the school.

Three buses will return to school for those children who go to aftercare, who walk home from school or catch the school special. Please complete the permission note and return to school by Friday 2 December.

Thank you *Maureen Hallahan*

**Maureen Hallahan**

**Principal**

28 November 2016.

**The Cost of the Excursion is \$5.00**

The school has become a cashless school. Please make payment through the school website using the *Make a Payment* button.

Please ensure payment is made by **WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016**. If payment is made after this date, please forward online receipt payment to [Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or alternatively you can pay cash or credit card in person at the Admin Office. If you are unable to pay, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan. If you choose not to pay, an alternate program will be provided for your child.

-----TEAR OFF-----

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to travel by bus to Rose Bay Secondary College on **Monday 12 December, 2016**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will return to school on the  bus:

My child has permission to go home with: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	Special needs of my child of which you should be aware. Tick the relevant box(es) and provide full details Additional information provided on a separate sheet attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Illness or medical condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allergy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dietary Condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Injury
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medication Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student carrying medication such as Ventolin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile telephone number in case of emergency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Please complete fully and accurately as the teacher will refer to this information before and during excursion

To the best of my knowledge he or she has no medical condition, disability, dietary condition, injury or reason which will put him or her at risk in participation in the activity. I understand that students are not permitted to take mobile telephones on excursions or other variations to routine. The organising teacher will take a mobile telephone for emergency use.

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

Medical Insurance: parents, please note that there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to any school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in a program offered by the school when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.



3B getting things done in the garden this week





### **The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden needs your help.**

SAKG enriches the school life for our children and contributes toward the aesthetic beauty of the school grounds.

Its success is very much reliant on volunteer assistance and even though the school population has grown, placing greater demand on the program, volunteering has dropped to its lowest levels.

Ange and Rudi have been doing a remarkable job inspiring our kids and involving parents, but the load needs to be shared. Which is why the SAKG committee will be started up again – first meeting this month.

The SAKG desperately needs the help of school and community volunteers to reach its full potential. We are calling out for:

- Active committee members (parents and interested community members)
- Active gardeners (parents and interested community members who like to plant and weed)
- A new SAKG kitchen teacher for 2017 (huge thanks to Ange for her contribution over the past 2.5 years)

Any involvement pledge is appreciated, large or small, I want to hear from you!

Sam Werner (Pippi's mum, 5C)

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[Timansam@gmail.com](mailto:Timansam@gmail.com)

Phoenix, VPS's lizard expert, taking good care of Bob, the VPS Blue Tongue Lizard!





## Get ready now for the new year!

Thanks you to all parents that supported the P& C fundraising by enrolling their children into the extra curricular activities! You are making a difference to this school and the funds raised will help our school to get the resources our children need!

To keep this going, please sign up again: all Trybooking links for Term 1 – 2017 are below. Avoid missing out & sign up now ( and cross it off the list), places are limited in some of the activities!

Thank you all for a great year & enjoy the holidays,  
Katrin & Xanthe

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 3AM			Coding 1-6	Basketball K-4	Soccer K-4
Before school 3AM			Netball 2-3		Netball 4-6
Before school 3.15AM	Karate K-6	Dance Boys Hip Hop K-2	Gymnastics K-2	Dance 3-6 Hip Hop	Dance K-2 Jazz
After school 3.30PM	Netball K-1				

1. Karate – Provided by Trifu Dojo.

<https://www.trybooking.com/94568>

2. Dance – Provided by RedEd Dance School.

<https://www.trybooking.com/94560>

3. Netball – Provided by Love Netball.

<https://www.trybooking.com/98606>

4. Basketball – Provided By Darcy and Fiona from Find My Coach.

<https://www.trybooking.com/191544>

5. Soccer – Provider by Goal Soccer Academy.

<https://www.trybooking.com/191527>

6. Computer Coding – Provided by Code Camp.

<https://www.trybooking.com/189948>

7. Gymnastics – Provided by **Karina O’Neill**, Kincoppal Gymnastics Team.

<https://www.trybooking.com/237112>

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HMAS Watson

Presents

# Carols by the Bay

Saturday

10 December 2016

3:30pm-8pm

Be entertained by the Navy Band & local schools while enjoying great views & a historical Navy sunset ceremony.

BYO Picnic & wine, or enjoy a choice of hot food, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

Vehicles will not be permitted on the base, so it is best to walk. Limited parking will be available in the Gap Bluff park.

Gates open at 3:30pm with entertainment commencing at 4:30pm.

Animals are not allowed. Bags will be checked on arrival.

For further information email [hmaswatson.vlo@defence.gov.au](mailto:hmaswatson.vlo@defence.gov.au) or call 9337 0973

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The VOOSC Kids being creative, playing games and entertaining the troops.



**Enrolments for 2017**- All families will be notified before the end of the term.

**Term 4 fees** - All term fees are due please.

**Picking up or dropping off children.**

There have been a number of families parking in the school driveway to drop off and collect children. Please respect our Principal and her request to our entire school community, by parking outside and walking your children in. Safety considerations apply at all times of the day regardless of whether the majority of the school population are not present.

**VOOSC STARS** Our stars this week have been chosen for making great choices and trying their best at all activities. Congratulations and Welcome to The Wall of Fame

Jagger Coco Christian Astrid Jacob P Luka Jake

Warm Regards

VOOSC Team



A very precious watch, as shown, has been lost by one of our students.

Please contact Corinne in the office 93372672